

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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April 6, 2004

FROM: PETER R. HILLS, Fire Chief/Fire Warden
San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT
BOARD FOR GRANT FUNDING TO MANAGE UNIVERSAL WASTE**

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body of County Service Area 70, San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District (County Fire):

1. Approve submission of a regional grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) entitled, "Household Hazardous Waste Grant (13th Cycle) for FY 2004-2005", for the grant period of September 2004 through March 2007, in an aggregate amount of \$300,000, for the purpose of securing grant funds to manage and operate universal waste programs in the County of San Bernardino and the City of Big Bear Lake.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 04-____ authorizing submittal of this regional grant application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) requesting grant funds under the local government Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grant Program and authorizes the County Fire Chief/Fire Warden, or designee, to execute in the name of the County and the City of Big Bear Lake (participating jurisdiction) all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The State of California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) provides grants to local governments to establish and implement waste diversion and separation programs to prevent the improper disposal of universal wastes such as fluorescence tubes, microwaves, cell phones, mercury thermometers, stereos, televisions and computer monitors. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control declares these items hazardous waste when they can no longer be used for their intended purposes. This declaration disallows the disposal of universal waste in municipal landfills. The Fire Department HHW Program in cooperation with the City of Big Bear Lake plan to provide universal waste recycling opportunities to all residents of the County.

County Fire has found that it is essential to work with surrounding communities to develop a regional approach to managing universal waste. The City of Big Bear Lake has experienced a tremendous amount of illegal dumping of televisions and computer monitors. This grant will allow for greater recycling opportunities of these items to the City Big Bear Lake and County unincorporated area residents. The City of Big Bear Lake has authorized the County to submit this regional application on its behalf.

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No matching funds are required for grant acceptance. All costs must be incurred during the identified grant term. This is a reimbursement grant and reimbursements will be made by the CIWMB based upon the submission of quarterly reports of activity and invoices of expenditures. It is anticipated that this grant application will provide three year funding, FY 2004/05 thru FY 2006/07, in the aggregate amount of \$300,000 for the management of Universal Waste.

Approval of these recommendations will authorize the County Fire Chief/Fire Warden, or his designee, to submit a regional application, in the aggregate amount of \$300,000 to CIWMB. County Fire, as the lead agency, will use these funds to manage and operate permanent, temporary and mobile collection sites throughout the County and the City of Big Bear Lake. Grant monies will support costs related to equipment, supplies, educational materials and program staff expenses. Application is due to the CIWMB on April 9, 2004

Upon notification of the successful award of the grant by the CIWMB, County Fire will bring a future item to the Board to accept the grant and approve the grant award agreement.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: The proposed action has been reviewed and approved by the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on March, and County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel, 387-9022) on March 26, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No matching funds are required. The local government Household Hazardous Waste Grant, used to manage universal waste, will provide \$300,000 over the course of three years (\$100,000 per year). Revenue in the amount of \$100,000 for the first of three years will be included in the FY 2004-05 County Fire budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Peter Brierty, Fire Marshal 386-8410

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